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Just a few weeks ago, three rape stories were run on the front page of the Daily Cal. We, too, are running a rape story on our front page, but we're also running stories on the next page, and on the page after that.... We are sick of seeing rape portrayed as an isolated crime against individual women. Contrary to popular belief, women are not helpless victims, nor do they deserve to be violated. The problem of rape is not just a problem between rapist and woman, but is ingrained in a society that demands the DOMINATION OF MEN OVER WOMEN, RICH OVER POOR, WHITE PEOPLE OVER PEOPLE OF COLOR, HETEROSEXUALS OVER QUEERS, HUMANS OVER THE ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMALS, and THE U.S. OVER THE REST OF THE WORLD.

We are attempting to look at rape from this more systemic viewpoint. Thus, in this issue of Slingshot, women's voices are exploring the issues that the mainstream media has conveniently excluded. In addition, we emphasize that the other topics in this Slingshot, including fee increases and education cuts, the Middle East, and the battle over People's Park, also relate to the themes of "domination over." Women's issues are not separate from other forms of power relations, and there is an effort here to work toward making connections. Finally, we have included not only articles about rape, but poems as well, for we must recognize the variety of expressions that women's voices can take. Rape is not an issue to be sensationalized on the front page, and excluded from the rest of a publication. As women, we refuse to be manipulated, silenced, or confined ...

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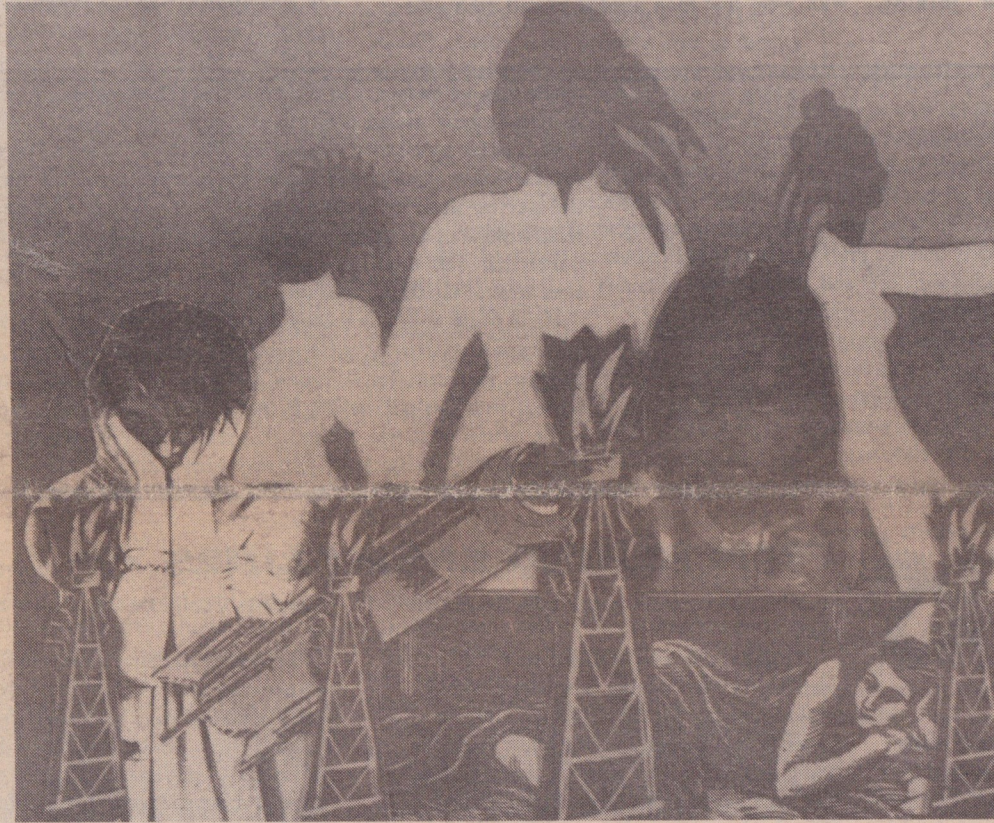
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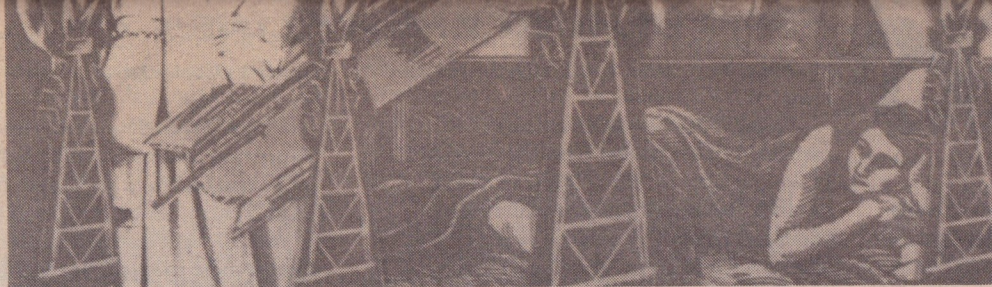
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Even before the present budget crisis California's record in public education, as in other social programs, reflected the priorities of those in power. Nationally, California ranked 45th in the financing of public schools and California students received 400 dollars less each than the national average. Nearly a third of all students and a half of all Blacks and Latinos were dropping out prior to graduation. Now, instead of addressing the root cause of the budget



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His planned cut of \$2.2 billion for public education will mean that \$9 thousand less will be spent on each classroom and that California students will now receive \$700 less than the national average. Three thousand teachers have already been laid off in the San Francisco Unified School District alone, with junior teachers being the first to go. Since

younger teachers are more ethnically diverse, students will be left with a largely old, white and unenthusiastic teacher population—a situation which is made worse by the fact that salaries for bilingual teachers were amongst the first casualties of the cuts. Not only is this blatant

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As if this weren't enough, the Daily Cal repeatedly and unquestioningly spreads the distorted statistic implicating the People's Park area in many of the violent crimes on the Southside reported last year. Yeah, the park's homeless community is involved in lots of violent crimes- but they are the victims. And who commits those crimes? You guessed it: a bunch of innocent vulnerable rich hate-consumed students and the cops hired to

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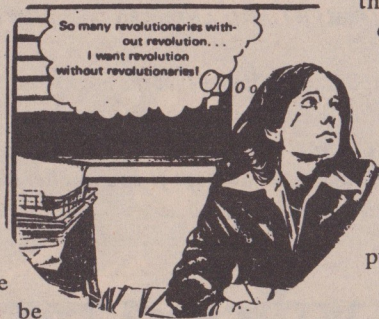
SEXIST SLINGSHOT

After weeks of growing frustration with the (un)collective process, the women of Slingshot met and realized that they had all been having problems with the men for similar reasons. The Women's Issue of last October was supposed to be a change, it was a result of the women's demand for change; but just three months and two issues later, the women found themselves back to square one. Tired of waiting for changes and guiding men through their attempts to avoid sexism, the women took over the agenda during a regular Slingshot meeting to confront the men on their sexist bullshit. At this meeting the women said that they would no longer participate in Slingshot until some major changes were made.

So basically the women presented a new agenda, which included confronting men on their sexism and demanding that the process of the collective be radicalized. Women did not like the fact that they had to be overly loud and verbose in meetings, that they were uncomfortable walking into a room full of men, that their criticisms and other input were not being taken seriously, that men were not dealing with sexism and heterosexism in articles and leaving women to write about 'women's issues,' that new women were joining

Slingshot and leaving after one issue, that women were excluded by male camaraderie, and the list goes on. It was clear that we could not continue "business as usual" until we dealt with women's demands first, and until radical structural and attitude changes were made, both short and long term.

Up until this point we had all been operating on an unspoken and rather ignorant assumption that because we were working on a radical paper, issues such as sexism, racism, classism and heterosexism wouldn't effect us. As the women began discussing their experiences, this assumption was exposed. This was not something we could let slide by. Now we feel that it is important to discuss our experience, as it is definitely not unique, and you will see why we haven't been publishing lately.



The women all spoke out about their feelings, and asked for a response. The men met several times and realized that they don't take women's criticisms seriously, men verbally and physically excluded women from every aspect of the collective: at meetings, in the computer room, at the light table, in the office, etc.... Some of the many ideas that the men came up with were that men needed to call each other

on sexist behavior and openly receive those criticisms and that the production process needed to be stopped until severe structural changes were made. When confronted with the women's anger, many men responded with an often typical male response - defensiveness. Even some who felt what the women were doing was important expressed defensiveness in varying degrees. Some men felt that the women were trying to take over Slingshot, and others expressed anger and frustration that production was being stopped. Both responses showed that the men hadn't really understood what the women had voiced, that the process had already been flawed by sexism within the collective.

Finally the collective worked more with these issues, and decided as a whole to make space in each meeting for discussion of collective process and dynamics as well as to slow down the production process to include talking in depth about each article before it's printed. The men would continue to meet and discuss sexism, and they made a commitment to acknowledge women, to take their input seriously, and to incorporate sexism and heterosexism into their articles, etc.... We entirely stopped production in order to come up with ways of restructuring our collective process. The main tenet of our new production process is to take things much more slowly, thereby allowing time to evaluate our interactions while they are occurring. We feel it is important to keep in mind that the process is as important as the product. Now, each

meeting of the collective begins with time to talk about issues concerning our process. These issues include such things as sexism, racism, exclusion, alienation, group dynamics, etc... We are also spending more time discussing submitted articles as a group. There are many advantages to doing this, including the fact that women's criticisms are heard by the whole group and can thus be taken more seriously. Finally, each person is making a effort to tell others exactly what kind of work s(he) is doing for the collective.

Despite the success of these changes, things are far from ideal. Some of the men's responses to the women's concerns were absolutely disgusting and unacceptable (as described above). When this anger was brought up during a meeting there was a lot of alienation of both men and women, and several men dropped out of the Slingshot collective. There is also a great deal of fear among the women as to whether this renewed interest in the fight against sexism will actually last.

We know that we aren't alone in experiencing this problem. There is a progression towards male domination that exists in many organizations. It manifests itself in many different ways. When confronted with it, as a 'culture' we are taught to be defensive, and to fall back on 'socialized conditioning' as an excuse, rather than addressing the forces that create sexism, that allow men to take over and think that nothing is wrong.

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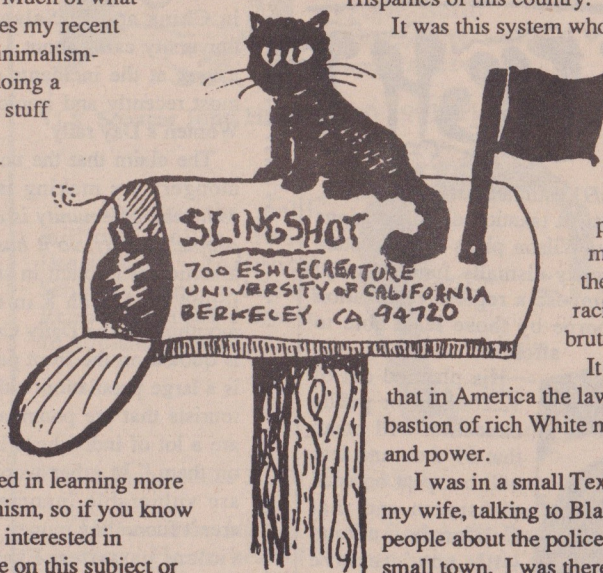
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This is a letter to men who have sex with women. This is a letter about intercourse. This is a letter to men who assume that the woman/women they are fucking want to be fucked with their dicks. This is a letter written by women who sometimes like penetration (with and without penises) but don't like being fucked (or fucked over) by the power dynamic.

This letter is about sex and about rape. Many men and some women see sex and rape as absolutely different. However, we have had sex that has been both emotionally and physically uncomfortable which the man in question thought was fine/fun. We've been raped by acquaintances/lovers who have never thought of it as rape. Positive sex and rape are on a continuum of communication, consent, and desire.

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ized to not be assertive about sex, including not talking about it.

- tell the truth about STD's you have or are being treated for.

- take responsibility for contraception, which women have historically done, and recognize that intercourse always carries the risk of pregnancy.
- use lube
- be aware that 80% of women don't have orgasms from intercourse alone.

- communicate about comfortable positions for the woman. Many men know nothing about a woman's anatomy. Clits and cervixes can be sources of discomfort as well as pleasure.

- it's not physically impossible to have your hand on the woman's clitoris during intercourse.

- some women experience more stimulation if their legs are together between a man's spread legs.

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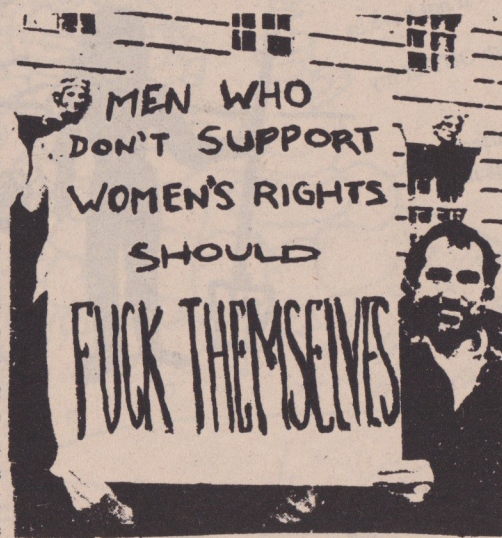
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HOW TO FUCK WITHOUT RAPING



raunchy sex act, sometimes meaning penetration with or without a penis. Sex is anything and everything (for example, a good spanking can be sex). Penetration sometimes happens with a dick, sometimes not.

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- don't assume that sex is intercourse.

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Nowadays, while George Bush is busy denouncing Saddam's treatment of the Kurds, he has conveniently forgot how the U.S.'s own foreign policy has caused equal suffering and death for the Kurdish people. Both Saddam and George are guilty of utilizing a dispossessed people for their own political ends. Unfortunately, it is the Kurds who are stuck in the middle.

Although there is some debate about who was responsible for particular incidents of chemical attack- some evidence points to Iran on more than one occasion- there is no doubt that Hussein used chemical weapons to suppress Iraq's Kurdish population. There should be no debate as well, that this was an unjustifiable, and horrific act. Likewise there can be little doubt that Saddam Hussein is a ruthless and brutal dictator, who has repeatedly demonstrated his willingness to use any means to destroy his opposition, both internally (the Kurds, Iraq's majority Shiite population, The Iraqi Communist Party) and externally (the Iran-Iraq war, the invasion of Kuwait). Nevertheless, we must not allow George Bush to propagandize on Iraqi aggression, making himself look like the good guy in the process.

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In fact it was only after a major international outcry over the devastation of the Kurdish population that the U.S. continued providing any aid to the refugees. This international response has caught the U.S. in its own web of capitalizing on the plights of other peoples. The U.S. military, the originators of the hype, have responded by letting it be known that they are in charge, and that they will not tolerate anyone not submitting to that control. They railroaded a U.N. plan for a sanctuary region for the Kurds, and have reneged on pledges for aid. The American press has, of course, portrayed George and the U.S. Military as the benign saviors of a Kurdish population devastated by the evils of Saddam Hussein. The U.S. murder of 300,000 in Iraq is given yet even more justification.

It is obvious that neither Saddam or George alone are responsible for the refugee status of the Kurdish population. Rather, the Kurds have been exploited by the political play-offs of both dictators. This capitalization of refugee people must be exposed in order to empower Kurdish self-determination, not to feed the political egos of our government officials.

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who probably saw that
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to grab some girl, some woman
and rape the fuck
out of her
Does that turn you on?

Now That It's Spring

by
Blive Corosh

there is true evil in the world
it seeps in around the edges of my
mind
at random times,
and when I don't pay attention
actively
to how I live...
I don't know how it moves around
the earth
if it runs or jumps or flies or
creeps and hedges-

be clean and sharp
there is something rancid, soft.
It decays further: I doubt myself.
Doubt my wisdom, my judgement,
my perception,
my right to ignore what happened,
my right not to reconcile with
someone
who has dishonored me, dishonored
himself.
A man such as this I'll not have in
my house.
But how do I get him OUT of my
heart?

Yes, I know
sometimes it jumps on me from
behind a tree
a stranger
yes and this is worse
sometimes it sneaks into my
intimate space in the arms of
my lover
closer until it
springs free/grips me by surprise:
a hand over my mouth a hand in my
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Do you see how this affects me
when I have my legs open
to you my heart open
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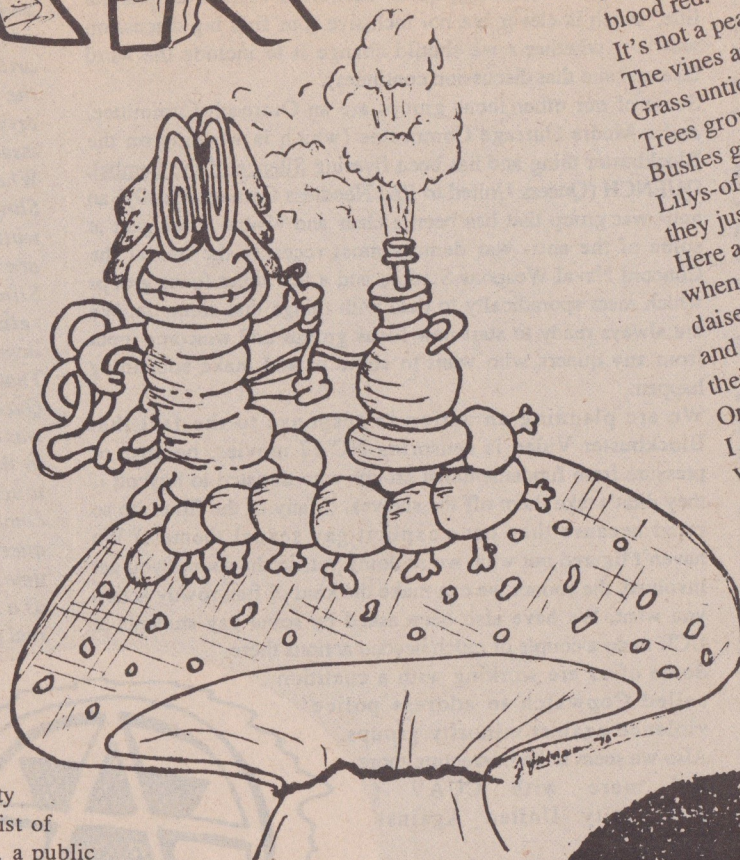
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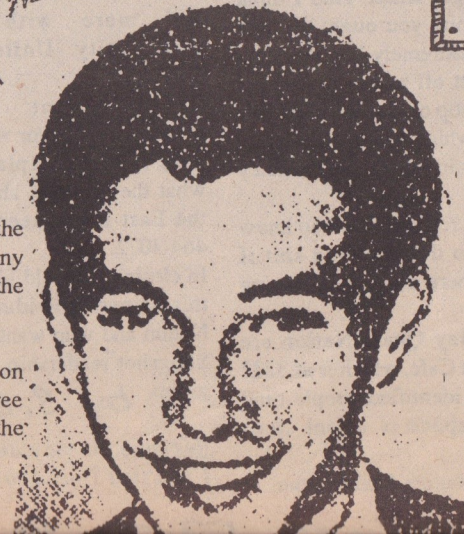


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 where tattooed fighters planted rose tattoos
 and roses grew
 blood red.

It's not a peaceful place.
 The vines are tangled with our nerves.
 Grass untidy as a drunks beard.
 Trees grow shopping carts.
 Bushes grow sleeping bags.
 Lilys-of-the-valley smoke cigarettes
 they just bummed, but with such style.
 Here are sunflowers that'll steal your backpack
 when your not looking,
 daises crooked as game booths at the circus
 and violets sticking out
 their impudent purple tongues.

Or is that us?
 I don't know. It doesn't matter.
 When people come to Berkeley
 they always ask to see People's Park
 and when I show it to them
 they don't see it.
 Next time
 I'm going to walk them a few blocks,
 watch their faces and try to explain.
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 "Here."

JAMES RECTOR
 1945 - 1969



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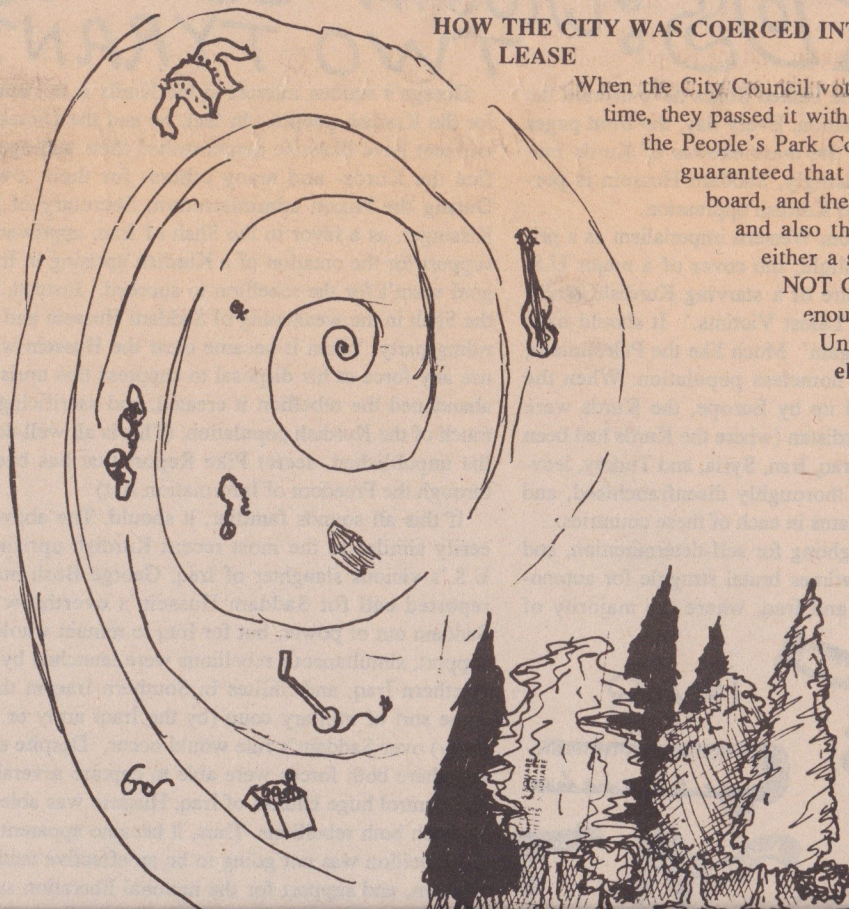
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After they voted, however, the entire City Council was forced to flee after angry Park supporters, a hundred strong, stormed the council chambers and took over the meeting. It was quite a spectacle. Once the Councilmembers left their seats, they weren't able to return. The people carried on a meeting



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Summer of Resistance:

As the situation draws toward confrontation, both sides look at the summer, when most students, and many other concerned people, will be out of town. The University has stated that its sports courts will be operational by the beginning of the fall semester.

We need your help- join us this May, June, July, whenever it happens. There will be bulldozers, fences, and cops- and need hundreds, thousands of people to stand firm in defense of People's Park. Only by uniting will we SAVE THE PARK!

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1945 - 1969

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We need your help- join us this May, June, July, whenever it happens. There will be bulldozers, fences, and cops- and need hundreds, thousands of people to stand firm in defense of People's Park. Only by uniting will we **SAVE THE PARK!**

Freedom lovers, hippies, artists, poets, homeless persons, parents, disabled, anti-americans, radicals, musicians, wayfarers, anarchists, freaky-types, dispossessed, disgruntled, people with attitudes, whoever you are, wherever you are, **COME TO PEOPLE'S PARK THIS SUMMER!**

Columbus Day (Oct. 12), 1992, will mark 500 years of oppression and genocide against Native American people.

Large-scale organizing is under way by the Native American community (including all the Americas) to counter the so-called "celebration" that is being planned here in the Bay Area establishment. According to Bob Castillo of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), "the Bay Area will be alive with indigenous activity and protest." Natives from all the Americas will descend upon San Francisco in '92 for their own type of "celebration."

For more information, contact the IITC at:

710 Clayton Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
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Despite over two years of police repression of Food Not Bombs, culminating in attempts to prosecute two activists for serving free food, Food Not Bombs not only thrives in San Francisco, but is spreading to other communities. New Food Not Bombs organizations have sprouted in the East Bay and in Santa Rosa, where Food Not Bombs activists were involved in a student/homeless takeover of a vacant building, involving 11 arrests.

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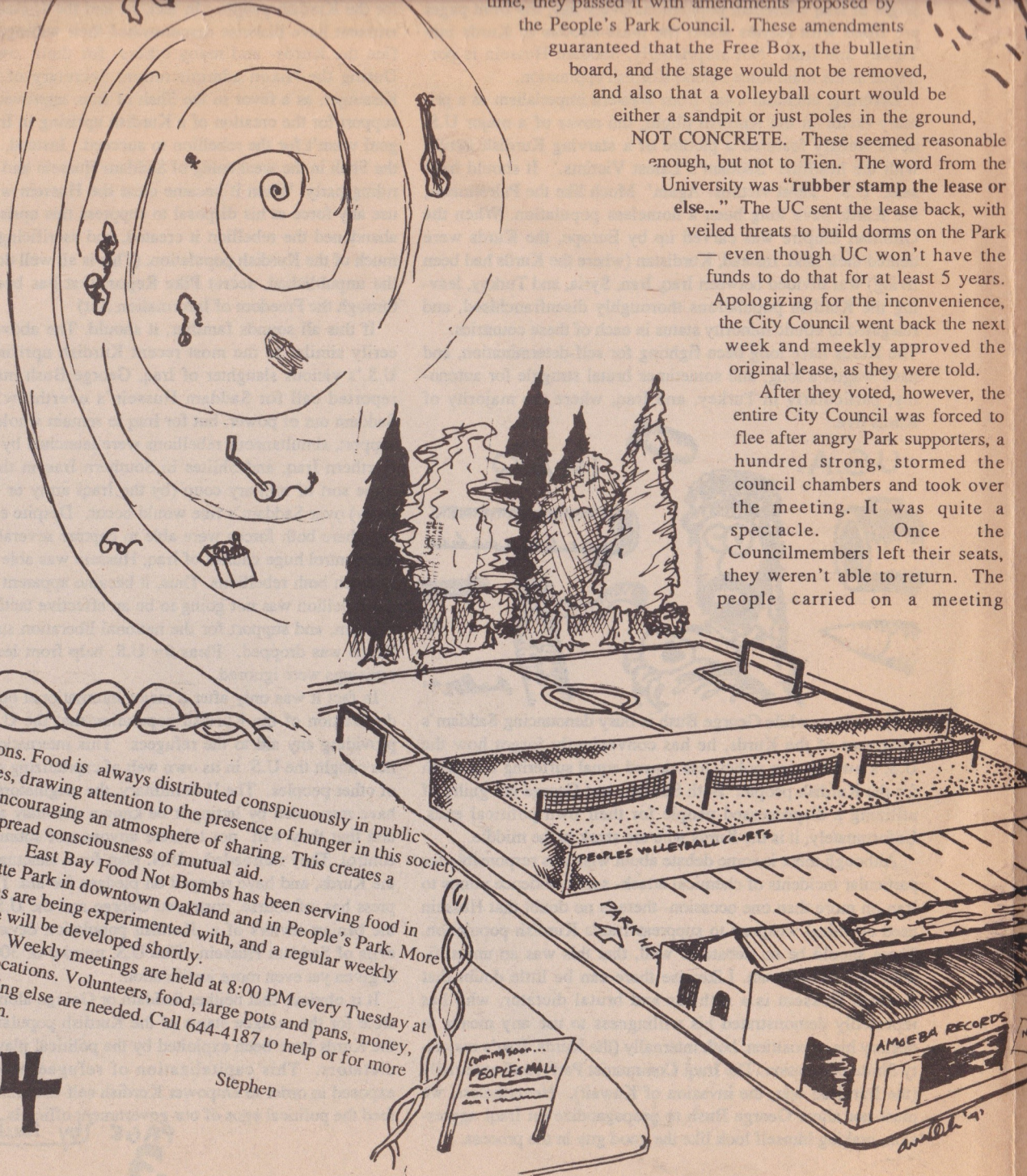
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Weekly meetings are held at 8:00 PM every Tuesday at various locations. Volunteers, food, large pots and pans, money, and anything else are needed. Call 644-4187 to help or for more information.

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Her case, and photo, was featured prominently on the metro page of the Tribune. The welfare department was thrilled to announce the arrest, because it "vindicates" their having spent upwards of \$200,000 on the creation of a Welfare Fraud Unit of the county Welfare Department. This comes at a time when welfare payments and services are being severely cut. The welfare department is always

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In this case lies a vivid example of class-based standards within the legal system: A savings and loan executive can only be charged with felony fraud if the amount stolen is more than \$250,000. A welfare mother who cons the welfare department out of only \$2,000 will face the same charges (and you can bet she'll be the one to go to jail).

For more info on injustices in the welfare system, and info on how to fight it, call the Women's Economic Agenda Project (WEAP) at 451-7379.

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PEOPLE'S PARK ALLERT

UC's Plans for People's Park

Slingshot sources have uncovered UC Berkeley's undisclosed plans for People's Park. The plan includes tearing up and transforming half of the grass of the Park into fenced basketball and volleyball courts. They plan to begin construction in early Summer, when students are gone. UC Plans also include the formation of a powerless "advisory committee" designed to project a facade of "user development" when in fact the UC will have 100% control over every aspect of Park Policy.

The lease stipulates that a commission be formed to discuss the rules regarding People's Park. Both the University and city will assign 9 members to the USE (Use, Standards and Evaluation) advisory committee. It will be made up of students, school officials and community members, but the committee will have no power. They are only commissioned to discuss rules, evaluate the success and analyze. They are not designing or planning anything, and Chancellor Tien and the University have veto power over any recommendations they might produce. As can be expected, liberals among Park "supporters" (i.e. People's Park Council, City representatives), are clamoring to get themselves onto the USE committee. The lease was officially signed March 22. Their current management policy has been that of

"status quo," but now the City reimburses the University for its "fair share" of Park upkeep expenses.

Here is the proposed plan that the University has thought

of:

- courts will cover 40% of the grassy (UC owned) portion of the Park
- the courts will be off-limits to nonstudents from 10-4pm daily.

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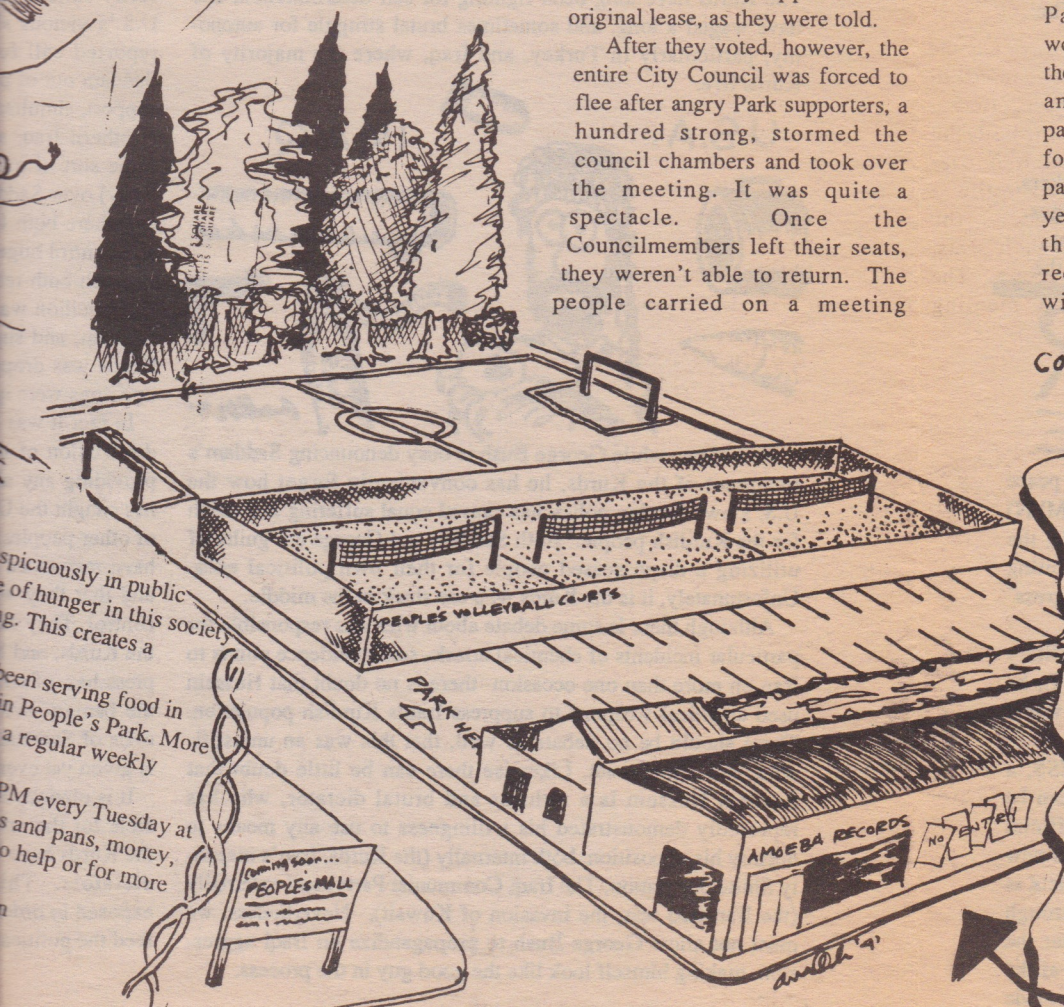
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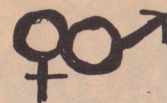
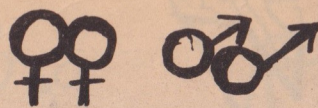
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QUEER DEBATE



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Despite the title of the recent article in Slingshot, I still feel compelled for some odd reason to keep in touch with the paper. I guess I believe that there are a lot of readers of Slingshot who would really get into East Bay Queer Nation if they gave it a chance, and I also wish more queer 'leftists' and anarchists would come out and stand up for queer issues. This is a challenge to all of you. Come out, come out wherever you are, we need you and you need us!!!

By the way, the actual contents of the article entitled, "Queer is Not Enough," were quite thought-provoking and interesting, and were spoken by someone who sounded like sort of a peripheral insider who really had the best interests of the community in mind. Nothing in the article referred to the arrogant assertion that, "Queer is Not Enough," and it has been rumored that the title was added by some members of the editorial staff.

Anyway, to whomever originated the title, I just want you to know, no, it wasn't funny or cute, it was homophobic, and if you guys want to keep your queer readership you better cut that shit pronto. None of the queer people thought it was funny or clever, they all thought what I think, which is that as sure as the left is sexist and racist, it's homophobic too, and we're sick of putting energy into your publications when you use ours to wipe your asses with.

As someone who had just taken what I saw as sort of a risk by writing an article in the "Women's," issue of Slingshot entitled, "Queer," which was basically a personal account of what it's like to be queer in this area, the title, "Queer is Not Enough," appearing in the following ("men's"?) issue struck me as pretty insensitive if not an outright attack. And I think that if you guys want a queer readership, you ought to think about the fact that the title itself was extremely homophobic- where the hell does a straight paper get off telling us what is and what isn't, "enough,"?- but also on top of that it looked like a reference to the article that I wrote, which was written in an attempt to point out the insidious ways in which the Berkeley scene promotes violent queer- bashing.

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LIQ US (Lesbian Identified Queers Uprooting Sexism), the

women's focus group of East Bay Queer Nation, has started meeting every Sunday night at 6:30 at the Pacific Center,

2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. We are just starting out, and we welcome all queer- identified women, despite the title, which is clever but not inclusive (our first big discussion was whether we should change it to include the word bisexual and that discussion continues).

Some of our other focus groups are an Outreach Committee, and a Media Outrage Committee (which is working on the Blockbuster thing and has been flying Silence of the Lambs). QUENCH (Queers United to End Needless Carnage Hastily) an anti- war group that has been a clear and visible contingent at some of the anti- war demos- most recently the one at the Concord Naval Weapons Station, and a few other focus groups which meet sporadically to deal with things that come up. We are always ready to start new focus groups and welcome input from any queers who want to come in and make something happen.

We are planning an action in response to the fact that Blockbuster Video is censoring NC-17 movies, because of pressure from fundamentalist groups who threaten to boycott if they didn't take them off the shelves. (Many of the films are so rated because they have explicit gay sexual themes.) We haven't figured out what we're doing yet, so the sooner you get involved, the sooner we can make the kind of fun, rowdy action you want. We have also been asked by some gay students at UCB to do a couple of much needed actions there.

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Where I diverge with the author is on her contention that 1- Slingshot is a straight paper, and that 2- we are out of touch with the queer community. Most of the present staff of Slingshot are queer. As I am fairly new to both the Bay Area, and to Slingshot, I have to plead ignorance of Slingshot's past relationship with the queer community. When I first got involved with Slingshot I was impressed with it's queerness. That is part of why I wrote the article (Here I need to be fair to Queer Nation East Bay, because most of what I wrote about QN was in relationship to QN New York, and that was made clear in the final version of the article) I think that Slingshot is in touch with the queer community, or I should say a queer community. Several of our members have been involved in queer activism, including both QN and ACT-UP, for some time. I do not feel that it was us telling you anything. I feel that, as a member of the queer community, I was addressing the very real problems with queer activism, and the queer community.

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It has been said that empires in decline provide bread and circuses as diversions for the population to turn them away from the internal rot, but this time around it's going to be the circus of the Gulf War, as bread becomes increasingly scarce for many. Viewed from the vantage point of Detroit, this becomes evident when General Motors and Ford announce their largest quarterly loss in history and GM plans closings for nine auto plants, laying off tens of thousands of workers. Or, when the Salvation Army in Detroit has 3,000 people standing in line on a bitterly cold morning

hopelessness for what the future augurs. Even the U.S. life expectancy rate has dropped continuously over the last four years as AIDS health care budgets have been continuously cut.

As it is, income distribution, heavily skewed to begin with by racial considerations, saw the top 20% of U.S. households gain wealth by 14% in the 1980s whereas those in the bottom 80% stayed the even. These figures, though belie an increase in poverty among the lowest rung of famthey owned no assets. Overall white households had an average networth of \$43,280, a figure ten times the average of black and hispanic families. (Figures are from the government General Accounting Office.)

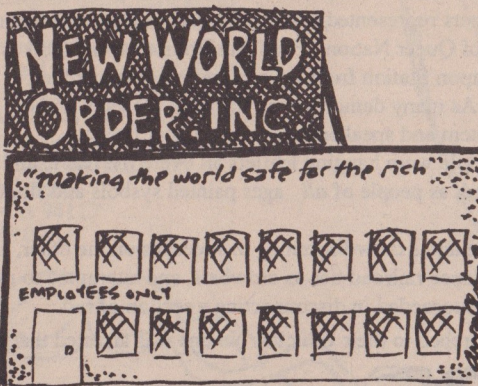
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THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ: VIEW FROM THE STREETS



waiting for food baskets, one knows the poor will not be part of the New World Order except as its barely maintained wards.

However, amidst the wreckage, the richest



stands exposed, the image of the great destroyer is giving way to another phase of the capitalist cycle—reconstruction.

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THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ: VIEW FROM THE STREETS



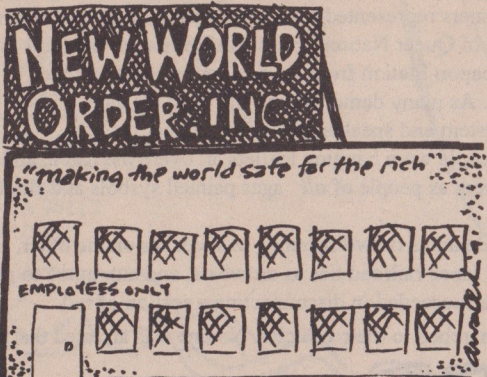
waiting for food baskets, one knows the poor will not be part of the New World Order except as its barely maintained wards.

However, amidst the wreckage, the richest sector of the population managed to increase their wealth at the expense of the working class and poor. One can almost trace percentage point by percentage point the looting of wealth from the poor by the rich as one examines the statistics of advance and decline of each class. The fact that the upper 10% only enriched themselves to the extent they did had less to do with restraint and more to do with the flight of wealth to foreign bondholders.

Also, as financial speculation replaced domestic investment and whole industries exited the industrial cities of the Northeast and Midwest for Mexico and Asia, this left a once relatively prosperous working class in a state of penury. This has produced a skyrocketing unemployment, a physical deterioration of the cities, thousands of homeless people, and a desperate sense of

hopelessness for what the future augurs. Even the U.S. life expectancy rate has dropped continuously over the last four years as AIDS health care budgets have been continuously cut.

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As I write, the smoke of battle lifting in the Persian Gulf, but only barely. The Kuwaiti oil wells burn unchecked. Even as the wreckage created by the great imperial war machine

stands exposed, the image of the great destroyer is giving way to another phase of the capitalist cycle—reconstruction.

American and international corporations are drooling at the prospect of multi-billion dollar contracts to repair the war damage done to Kuwait by Iraq and the U.S. Perennial war profiteer like GM and the construction giant, Bechtel, along with numerous other companies will reap a fortune in profits in the war's aftermath.

Bush's political gamble in the Persian Gulf may have a short term pay off for him and the social agenda he hopes it defines. It remains to be seen whether Lincoln's dictum stating that all of the people can't be fooled all of the time will hold true in the coming period. For those of us outside the ugly consensus of war triumphalism, never has it been more imperative to maintain our projects and our communities based on resistance to the New World Order.

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General Colin Powell, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, threatened military intervention on April 9 when, according to the United Press International (UPI), he warned of the possibility of a "Persian Gulf style solution" to El Salvador's civil war if the ongoing U.N.-sponsored negotiations do not bear fruit.

The exact text of what he said is disputed. It was reported by SALPRESS, a Spanish speaking wire service, as "if necessary, it (the Salvadoran conflict) can be resolved the way it was in the Persian Gulf." However, according to the official transcript published by the Joint Chiefs of Staff he said: "We believe that in this new world order that President Bush has spoken about, the way to resolve conflicts is through negotiation, through discussion among reasonable parties, and not through acts of war. What we saw in the Persian Gulf and what was necessary to deter the aggression of Saddam Hussein, we hope is not the model to be followed. But at the same time, if it becomes necessary to defend freedom, then one must do it." He made

HOW TO FIGHT THE FEE HIKE\$

Early in the morning on Monday, April 8 of this year, students at the City College of New York chained and locked themselves into the main campus building in a protest against budget cuts and tuition increases. The students called for a school wide strike. Within three days other buildings on campus were seized. The college was effectively and then officially shutdown. The students took the action to protest the proposed \$500 increase in tuition and massive educational budget cuts.

City College is the Harlem campus of the City University of New York. CUNY is the third largest public school system in the United States (behind the University of California and the State University of New York). There are 21 campuses located throughout the five boroughs of New York City. CUNY consists of both four-year colleges and two-year community colleges. Prior to 1976, CUNY had a free tuition policy.

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1989. Similar actions spontaneously occurred at several other CUNY campuses. After two weeks of protests and a rally attended by 15,000 students in downtown Manhattan, the governor backed down. The legislature "found" funds to stop the tuition increase and budget cuts.

Last year CUNY raised tuition \$200 and cut staff, faculty, and services anyway despite student protests and limited direct action. This year, not only does the governor propose raising tuition an additional \$500 and cutting services, he also wants to cut financial aid to needy students by \$400. This would effectively make the tuition increase \$900 for many students, an enormous 62% increase. The \$92 million in budget cuts that are proposed will result in continued staff and faculty lay offs, fewer course offerings, larger class sizes and reductions in services.

As in previous years, students wrote letters to the governor and legislators, they rallied and lobbied in the state capital, and they proposed alternative ways of funding. The intransigence of the elected officials left the students with no alternatives. For the

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In Oakland and Richmond, the racist nature of the cuts is made even clearer. Here fully enrolled schools have begun closing, forcing such overcrowding that some classes have to be held in school cafeterias and auditoriums. Money is completely unavailable for such basic supplies as pens, paper and textbooks while a shortage of chairs in Oakland means that students there must sit on the floor—when space allows.

Wilson's planned cut of \$224 million in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) means that many students from single parent and low income families will essentially be denied access to what inadequate public education exists as they will be forced to join the work force. (The unequal distribution of resources along racial lines also means that children of color will be the main victims of these cuts.)

For those few who make it through the nightmare of public primary and secondary education the likelihood of admission, financial affordability and academic success at public universities will be greatly reduced.

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If seven major loopholes were eliminated from bank and corporation taxes, \$2 billion would be raised—almost exactly what is being cut from education. These include limiting deductions for vessels and aircraft, which would generate \$472 million, eliminating deductions for oil companies' research and exploration, yielding \$220 million, and other such minor alterations. Similarly, if corporate taxes were raised by a mere 1%, \$520 million would be generated. By restoring tax levels to 11% for those who earn more than \$200,000 a year over one and a half billion dollars would become available.

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Like Wilson the U.C. Regents are revealing their priorities very clearly. In the same way that Wilson's cuts in social programs are classist and racist, so too are those of the Regents. The first to suffer on the U.C. campuses will be students of color from low income families, especially women, and alterabled students. Not only are fees being hiked by 36% without any increase in the availability of financial aid but services aimed at retention are being slashed. The Women's Resource Center, which provides both counseling and alternative resources in a white and male dominated environment, is having its budget cut in half, forcing the closure of its library and laying off of an African American woman librarian. The Re Entry Program, run by the Womens Resource Center, has provided crucial sevices for older returning students. It will disappear altogether. The Student Learning Center, which has made assistance available to those denied adequate primary and secondary education, is projecting a 30% cut and will quite possibly only be available to first year E.O.P. and Affirmative Action students. Similarly, the Disabled Student

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In 1986, the campus erupted over U.C.'s investments in South Africa. The present cuts are no less racist than the system of Apartheid which we opposed. Why don't we take a lesson from the students we acted in solidarity with by refusing to cooperate? Last year we held a successful two-day strike demanding amongst others greater faculty and student diversity, improved retention rates, and alternative programs reflecting our needs. the present cuts guarantee that none of those conditions will be met but will instead get worse. It is demanded of us now that we refuse to cooperate and that, like our brothers and sisters in South Africa, we make our collective strength felt. Numerous strategies exist, including building takeovers, strikes, refusal to take final exams, thereby forcing the administration to accommodate next year all those who should have graduated this year, refusing to pay the fee hikes, boycotting registration etc. Ultimately being the ones who pay the power rests in our hands.

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Rally & DIRECT ACTION AGAINST FEE HIKES and SERVICE

COPS

In March, these four Los Angeles Police officers brutally kicked and beat Rodney King with batons, coming very close to killing him. King, a black man, had been pulled over for speeding. At least eleven other police officers watched the attack and did nothing to stop it. We are told that this event was an "aberration," that it was not "a racial incident" and that the fifteen police officers involved do not reflect the true nature of police behavior in our country.



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This is bullshit. Every day poor people, women, ethnic and sexual minorities and others thought less important by our society experience the horror of such cop "aberrations." How many acts of violence against black and latino people, gay people and political dissidents, how many more prostitutes must be raped in the back of police cars, before we rise up and demand an end to this brutality? If there had been no video of this crime, there would have been no crime... Just one more black man with a story of police gangsterism, a story that nobody would have believed.

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Gen. Powell met separately with Salvadoran president Cristiani and El Salvador's top military leaders-- General Rene Emilio Ponce, Defence Minister, and the head of El Salvador's Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Gilberto Rubio-- on Monday, April 8, to reiterate U.S. support for the Salvadoran government.

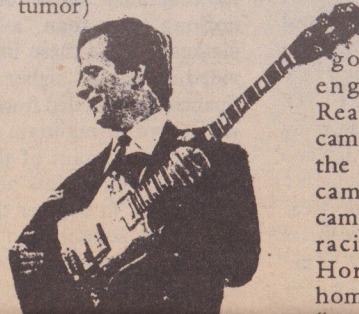
According to the press office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Powell's Central American tour "coincidentally" took place during the current peace talks between the FMLN and ARENA. But it is clear that his reference to possible intervention by U.S. forces lends untimely backing to the vocal ultra-right and military, strengthening the most intransigent sector of ARENA who are actively campaigning against negotiations. The FMLN and the civilian opposition to ARENA has much to gain in the current round of negotiations that opened April 4, including reforms of the Constitution and of the Armed Forces, as well as the terms of the cease-fire.

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OBITUARIES

"They're Dropping Like Flies!"

Lee Atwater 1941-1991 (Died from inoperable brain tumor)



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bullets for Sifuentes' gun?

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to this brutality? If there had been no video of this crime, there would have been no crime... Just one more black man with a story of police gangsterism, a story that nobody would have believed.

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the comments at a press conference in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Gen. Powell met separately with Salvadoran president Cristiani and El Salvador's top military leaders-- General Rene Emilio Ponce, Defence Minister, and the head of El Salvador's Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Gilberto Rubio-- on Monday, April 8, to reiterate U.S. support for the Salvadoran government.

According to the press office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Powell's Central American tour "coincidentally" took place during the current peace talks between the FMLN and ARENA. But it is clear that his reference to possible intervention by U.S. forces lends untimely backing to the vocal ultra-right and military, strengthening the most intransigent sector of ARENA who are actively campaigning against negotiations. The FMLN and the civilian opposition to ARENA has much to gain in the current round of negotiations that opened April 4, including reforms of the Constitution and of the Armed Forces, as well as the terms of the cease-fire.

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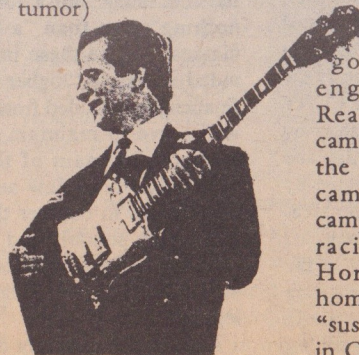
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OBITUARIES

"They're Dropping Like Flies!"

Lee Atwater 1941-1991 (Died from inoperable brain tumor)



A Republican Party "golden boy," he engineered Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns, and helmed the vicious 1990 Bush campaign. In this campaign, Atwater used racism (the Willie Horton commercials), homophobia (attacking "suspected" homosexuals in Congress),

and anti-semitism (hiring ex-Nazis for his staff and helping compile lists of Jews in the government). These tactics paid off grandly for the sniveling little shit who once said that "politics are unimportant to me - the main point is to get my man elected."

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The Bush administration must not be allowed to get away with this provocation unscathed.

In related news the March 10th municipal and legislative elections in El Salvador were held in a climate of intimidation and violence. Just to list a few examples of the violence: the election campaign commenced with the massacre of the entire adult population in El Zapote on January 21st by the 1st Infantry Brigade. In the weeks prior to the elections, security forces shot and killed an opposition candidate and his pregnant wife, and shot and blinded another candidate. The only opposition newspaper that reported on opposition parties and their activities was burned to the ground in early February. Due to repression, opposition parties were only able to run candidates in a third of the municipalities. On election day, many people who had registered did not receive their voting cards on time, or did not appear on electoral lists. Ballots marked for the Democratic Convergence and the National Democratic Union were found thrown in the streets after the vote.

Like usual, the Bush administration declared the elections to be democratic and fair.

Most people in the opposition movement don't believe the elections will bring resolution to the end of the fascist ARENA government, but they also believe that in order to move the negotiation process forward and open up the political space for the grassroots movement they need representation in the National Assembly.

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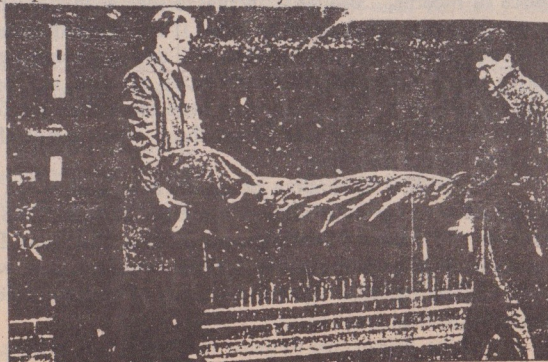
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Detlev Rohwedder 1933-1991 (offed)

He was shot dead up by the Red Army Faction in Germany. He was head of Treuhand, the world's largest corporation which in recent months has been snapping up and speculating upon thousands of businesses and properties in East Germany.



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1. one year in prison deferred to three years probation, the first year of which is supervised (during all of which we are subject to random searches and drug testing), AND
2. 120 days of SWAP (the Sheriff's gang labor project for poor people: 9 hours/day, 6 days/week, no pay, orange vests, side of the road, etc.) OR 30 days in jail (where at least we would get food and housing), AND
3. monetary restitution for whatever unspecified damage the police did (which of course must of been our fault).

WE DECLINED.

On April 29, the Bush Street 12 will be setting a court date for trial -- sometime late May, early summer. We will be organizing a defense committee soon and hope to hook up with GI resistance cases across the nation to fight the military state in its various forms. Watch for more news on fliers about town and in the next issue. We need your help on our defense committee!! Any time, skills, energy you have. (We don't need money, so no liberals need apply.)

by Natasha